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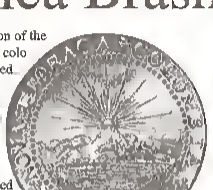
Collectors' Update

May 1999

Replica Brasher Doubloons

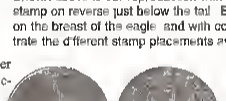
A reproduction of the single most desirable colonial coin ever produced at an attainable price. Struck in 22K gold these mint state replicas are the same weight and approximate diameter of the original coins produced by goldsmith Ephraim Brasher in 1787.



Understood to be the first gold coins struck in the United States, the legendary Brasher Doubloons are among the most expensive coins ever sold with recent auction prices topping the million dollar mark.

$385 each. Struck in solid 22K gold.

Shown above is our reproduction with the EB stamp on wing and COPY stamp on reverse just below the tail. Below it's shown actual size with EB on the breast of the eagle and with copy stamp on obverse side to illustrate the different stamp placements available.



Brasher actually made two styles of gold coins. The well known "New York style" is generally believed to be the first. On the obverse is the arms of the State of New York which appears to this day on the Great Seal of the State of New York, along with the motto EXCELSIOR, "more excellent, more noble." The reverse side is dated 1787 with the rearranged motto UNUM E PLURIBUS. Brasher also made a "Lima Style" doubloon that more resembles it's Spanish counterpart.

Brasher (rhymes with *glazier*) made his gold coins to roughly the same specifications as the Spanish doubloon, equal to 16 Spanish dollars. As a gaurantee of value, he counter stamped his coins with his initials as an indication of previous inspection by the well known goldsmith, which in essence helped to insure their value. Other gold coins of the period were also counter stamped by Brasher who was authorized to do so.

Of the eight known examples of the New York style coins, seven were counter stamped on the left wing of the eagle. One unique specimen exists that is stamped on the breast of the eagle.

When you order a reproduction from Gallery Mint, you have the choice of counter stamp placement. When the mintage is complete, we will announce the number of each type of placement. On the order form there is a box for EB on wing, and one for EB on breast. A blank box is also provided for those wishing to create a unique fantasy piece that does not exist on the real coins, such as EB on RIGHT wing or tail or no EB stamp.

As always, a large portion of the proceeds from the sales of this and other GMM reproductions go to the funding of our museum which will illustrate the history and evolution of coin making through a series of working exhibits.

Also in this issue....

1999 Hobo Tokens now available

Two new styles feature coal miner and ore car.

Proof Fugio Cent reproductions.

In response to the numerous requests we've received, we are offering a very limited edition of 500 proof Fugio cent replicas at $24 each.

Brasher 1/2 Doubloon reproduction

We can reproduce the unique coin in the Smithsonian collection on special order.

Ellis auction hammers $440 for GMM Chain Cent replica.

GMM collector Mike Ellis recently held an auction of his collection that included 50 lots of Gallery Mint reproductions errors tokens and medals Listed below are some of the highlights of that auction

LOT #2 1786 NJ COPPER REPLICA MARS 4-F VAR.	$71.50
LOT # 3 1787 NJ COPPER REPLICA MARS 62.5 VAR.	$82
LOT # 4 1791 HALF CENT REPLICA	$148.50
LOT #5 1796 HALF CENT NO PYLE VAR. EXPER. DIE	$27.50
LOT #7 1796 HALF CENT W/POLE -HEAVY PLANCHET	$72.60
LOT #9 1793 LNC WREATH CENT COPY ON REVERSE	$137.50
LOT #20 2000 LIBERTY HEAD PERFORT PAT DOL	$33
LOT #21 2000 STATUE OF LIB. PERFORT PAT DOL	$30
LOT # 32 PROOF QUARTER EAGLE W/STARS	$179
LOT #44 SET OF EIGHT UNC.1793 REPRODUCTIONS TWO EACH CHAIN WREATH, LIBERTY CAP CENTS AND HALF CENTS	$720
LOT #45 UNC CHAIN CENT COPY ON REVERSE	$440
LOT #46 2000 PAT.DOL. RARE TYPE 3 "STATUE HEAD"	$495
LOT #48 1995 CONCERT DOLLAR	$75

Auction catalogs were sent by Mike Ellis to his mailing list and the GMM buyers list It worked so well we have asked Mike to conduct a special GMM auction in the near future that will include many rarities errors and unique pieces that have been accumulating in our special auction box over the years

This list will be sent to all GMM collectors so that everyone will have a shot at some of these hard to find items that were never before available, or no longer offered Mike has enthusiastically agreed to handle the auction and will be starting on the catalog that will be included in our next mailing.

No go on Dollar design.

Hillary Clinton announced the winning dollar coin designs May 4 during a White House unveiling ceremony As many of our collectors know our engraver Ron Landis submitted his "Peace Eagle" reverse that was one of four finalists being considered This was a revised version of the design that appeared on all the prototype coins we developed during the past few years in an effort to get the United States Mint involved in the Peace 2000 program

Although the Dollar Coin Design Advisory Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the word PEACE appear on the reverse of the new coin that recommendation was not included in the guidelines provided to invited coin designers

We appreciate all the support from our patrons who wrote letters in support of the Liberty and Peace themes and wish to offer our condolences to Peace 2000 founder and former ANA President, Ken Bressett who has been working hard for several years with his peace through coinage program

Congratulations to the winning artists, Glenna Goodacre and Mint engraver Tom Rogers

Runner up Landis had this to say "I m very proud to have been involved in the whole process and have learned much about coin design through it all I feel honored to have made it all the way to the final round At least my entry lost to good coin design and a good guy Tom Roger's Flying Eagle design really is quite attractive and Tom is a first class individual besides being a talented engraver I m still disappointed that we couldn t have an obverse impression emblematic of Liberty but we did end up with a lovely coin after all is said and done.

Half Doubloons

In anticipation of special requests for this piece we are offering a half doubloon reproduction of the unique Smithsonian specimen This unique coin was made half the weight, but was struck from the same dies. The result is a thinner smaller piece that did not fill the entire die therefore the lettering is not complete all around the piece.

We have included the 1/2 doubloon replicas on the order form priced at $200 each Since the only known original shows the EE on the wing, this is the way it is offered on the order form but special "fantasy" placements of the EE punch can be ordered in the blank box on the order form

Lima Style replicas available later

This brings up another subject. Since we offer the "New York" style doubloons and half doubloon reproductions..it would be possible to build a complete set of Brasher replicas with the addition of the Lima style. In the not too distant future..we hope to offer the Lima style to make it possible to build a complete set.

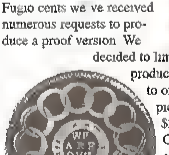
Brasher doubloon replica sets

Since many people will be building sets in different arrangements in the future we will offer custom display boxes for your set in any arrangement you desire

A short set might include three pieces for example but the most complete sets could include obverse and reverse copy stamps of all the styles and stamp placement variations Just something to consider if you are planning to build a set of all GMM Brasher replicas.

500 Proof FUGIO replicas. Quick sell out likely.

Since first releasing our reproductions of the Fugio cents we've received numerous requests to produce a proof version We decided to limit production to only 500 pieces that are now offered at $24 each This will be Gallery Mint's lowest proof copper issue since the wreath cent and are expecting a quick sell out on this beautiful edition



The ultimate coin display system.

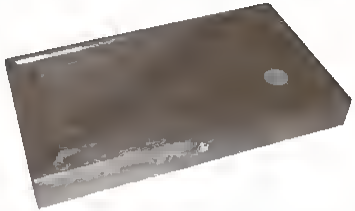
Four-way versatility with the quality you expect from Gallery Mint

Over the past few months we have upgraded our wood shop and engineered a new display box for our 1796 replica sets that we believe is the finest quality and most versatile coin display system available today.

The unique feature that makes this display so versatile is the glass bottom that allows easy viewing of all reverse sides of the set. The glass bottom also provides the option of displaying the set as a framed wall mounted display. A matching bracket of brass and walnut is available complete with fasteners for $10. The box quickly and easily snaps securely into this bracket. Just add the matching walnut leg to the mounting bracket and the display becomes a desk top easel that is attractive from both sides.

We couldn't find a quality catch for these boxes without going to an expensive and cumbersome key latch, so we developed our own hardware that Joe is producing here in the machine shop. These solid brass catches are spring loaded to hold the lid secure. It opens with the push of a button and also serves as a clip catch for the wall bracket.

Unlike the "routed board" boxes that were sent earlier, the new boxes are finely crafted, each part individually hand fit with mitered corners and a beveled top panel. The interiors are lined with a deep forest green velour finish foam pads. A brass medallion that reads 1796 are inlaid in the tops.



The solid walnut boxes are attractive on the mantle or coffee table. Just flip the closed box over to view all the reverse sides through glass bottom.

1796 boxes still available at $75

It's not too late to order the set boxes. They come complete with all the capsules for a 10 piece or 14 piece layout at $75 each. The solid brass and walnut wall bracket complete with hardware is an additional $10.

The display easily clips into an optional wall bracket. Glass side out for a framed wall display. With the addition of a back leg to the bracket, the unit becomes a desk top easel that is attractive from both sides.

Display boxes for the 1793 sets

As soon as we can get caught up on production, we will be offering these display boxes for the 1793 reproductions that we produced a few years back. These will be available in a four piece or eight piece layout (obverse and reverse copy stamps of each of the four coppers). A 1793 medallion will be produced to be inlaid in the top.

As a pedestal display, just remove the capsules and foam pad, turn box over, glass side up, and place pad and capsules on top. This allows clear viewing when placed in a showcase, and makes for an attractive pedestal that really frames the set nicely for an exhibit that really stands out.

Custom Display boxes

In the near future we will offer custom boxes for your sets or special presentations. If you would like your buffalo nickel collection framed and hung on the wall for example, we can produce custom boxes and/or wall displays in a variety of woods, layouts, colors and sizes, to accommodate your special needs. Future mailings will go into more detail on pricing and special options.

COLUMN A

UNCIRCULATED 1796 REPRODUCTIONS AND SETS

Quantity	ITEM COPY stamp on	Rev	Obv	Per Unit	Sub Total
	HALF CENT (w/pole)			$10	
	HALF CENT (no pole)			$10	
	LIBERTY CAP CENT			$12	
	DRAPED BUST CENT			$12	
	HALF DIME			$14	
	D ME			$17	
	QUARTER DOLLAR			$26	
	HALF DOLLAR (15 star)			$25	
	HALF DOLLAR (16 star)			$25	
	DOLLAR			$35	
	QUARTER EAGLE (no stars)			$65	
	QUARTER EAGLE (w/stars)			$85	
	HALF EAGLE			$176	
	EAGLE			$270	

COMPLETE 1796 TYPE SETS & DISPLAY BOXES

	14-piece uncirculated set			$790
	14-piece display box			$75
	10-piece uncirculated set			$165
	10-piece display box			$75
	Bracket for mounting box as a wall display			$10

OTHER REPRODUCTIONS, MEDALS, & HOBO TOKENS

	1787 Fugio Cent Unc			$12
	NEW! 1787 Fugio Cent **PROOF** Limited Edition of 500			$24
	1792 NJ Copper Maris 51-g (limited edition 2000)	X	NA	$18
	1793 Liberty Cap Cent			$12
	NEW! 1995 "Hobo Token" Style 1 Indian head w/ one ear			$5
	NEW! 1999 Hobo Token" Style 2 Cow Miner w/buckle reverse			$5
	Gallery Mint T Shirts (dark green w/gold GMM seal) M L XL XXL (circle one)			$17

NEW! Brasher Doubloons - Which side is which?

When specifying which side to put the copy stamp on the reverse is the eagle side. If you prefer the copy stamp to be on the "Mountain side" of the piece, check the OBV box. Use blank box for other EB placement. (right wing, etc.)

QUAN.	COPY STAMP ON	REV	OBV	
	1787 Brasher Doubloon EB on wing 26.5 Grains 22 Karat Gold			$385
	1787 Brasher Doubloon EB on breast 26.5 Grains 22 Karat Gold			$385
	1787 Brasher 1/2 Doubloon 13.25 Grains 22 Karat Gold			200

TOTAL COLUMN A.

COLUMN B

1796 PROOF EDITIONS - Limited Edition 1000 each

Quantity	ITEM COPY stamp on	Rev	Obv	Per Unit	Sub Total
	HALF CENT (w/no e)			$17	
	HALF CENT (no pole)			$17	
	LIBERTY CAP CENT			$17	
	DRAPED BUST CENT			$17	
	HALF D ME			$17	
	DIME			$20	
	HALF DOLLAR (15 star)			$30	
	HALF DOLLAR (16 star)			$30	
	PROOF Limited Edition of 300 each				
	HALF EAGLE			$215	
	EAGLE			$325	

TOTAL THIS COLUMN (B):

TOTAL COLUMN A:

SUB TOTAL OF ORDER:

ARK residents add 5% sales tax:

PLUS Shipping and Handling (see chart)

TOTAL OF ORDER:

Shipping and Handling	
under $17	$2.00
$17 to $199	$4.00
$200 to $599	$6.00
$600 and over	$8.00
Display Box	$10.00
T Shirt	$2.00

Most shipments go out within 2 weeks but please allow 4-6 weeks for copper and silver and 8 weeks for gold

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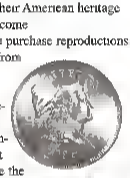
Unreal! Mint state reproductions from Gallery Mint Museum

Novice collectors and experienced numismatists alike find joy in owning these beautiful mint state renditions of the rarest and most desirable of U.S. coins.

Owning GMM replicas will not only add to your collecting enjoyment, but also provide an educational tool that will enhance your family's appreciation and understanding of their American heritage for generations to come.

When you purchase reproductions tokens or medals from Gallery Mint Museum, you are also helping to preserve the historic engraving and coining techniques that were used to create the originals. All dies are produced using traditional hand engraving and die sinking techniques used to create the originals. The actual coining of these replicas are done with hand operated screw presses and edge mills.



The result is a quality that is oft times less than perfect by today's standards. Just like the real coins of yesteryear, our reproductions display the same sort of characteristics inherent to the antiquated methods used. Finished pieces will vary slightly in size and centering. Slight doubling of letters and dates are sometimes visible under magnification. A testimony of the charming nature of the early die sinking techniques still alive at Gallery Mint Museum.

Unlike the real coins, these replicas are double struck from clean planchets carefully handled by the edges one at a time by gloved fingers through the coining process to insure the finished pieces are free of bag marks and fingerprints.

Shown above is the 14 piece set of 1796 replicas ($790) in its solid walnut display box ($75). The box can double as a framed wall display or desktop easel with the optional bracket ($10).

As a patron of Gallery Mint, you will receive our journal the Gallery Mint Report along with periodical Collector's Updates that will keep you informed on new releases and our ongoing museum project.

Currently we are offering the entire 10 piece set of copper and silver 1796 replicas for only $280 plus shipping. The complete 14 piece set includes 4 gold reproductions for $790 plus shipping. Walnut display boxes are sold separately at $75 each. Optional bracket for wall mounted displays are an additional $10. Prices of individual pieces are listed on the order form in this newsletter.

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See full color enlargements of our complete line of tokens, medals, and reproductions at out web site
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1999 Hobo Tokens available now. Still only $5 each.

new styles feature miner and ore car

Struck over modern date nickels GMM Hobo Tokens are a novel supplement to any Hobo Nickel or Buffalo nickel collection Each year two styles are available style #1 tokens depict James Earl Fraser's Indian Head design obverse mated with a railroad engine on the first 1996 token and a new rail car is added to the train each year on the reverse

1999 Style #1 token

Depicts an ore car with the legend "MUHLENBERG COUNTY KENTUCKY" and under the ore car the words "COAL MINING"

As in past years we try to spot light a different area of America as our train winds its way through the country Sort of a hobo version of the 50 states commemorative coin program, trying to tie it in with a hobo or train theme Each year our engraver Ron Landis chooses a new city or area based on places he has been, and how they tie in with the chosen theme

Muhlenberg County Kentucky was chosen to be spotlighted this year with the coal mining theme Ron and Joe were through the area a few years back, but have been singing a song about it for several years in their musical duo the "Doe Brothers"

Just after the second world war we captured from the Germans the world's largest coal mining shovel called the Gem of Egypt. John Prine wrote a song about it

"Oh Daddy won't you take me up to Muhlenberg County down by the Green River where Paradise lay.' "I'm sorry my son but you're too late in askin' Mr Peabody's coal train done hauled it away.

1999 Style #2 token

Depicts a coal miner in typical Hobo Nickel style, with the words "COAL MINER" Our engraver felt it necessary to label the carving as he thinks it looks somewhat like an unshaven baseball player The miners hard hat was designed on the die from memory in typical folk art style

The reverse of the 1999 style #2 tokens are always a buffalo with the denomination "HOBO TOKEN" under the buffalo Still only $5 each

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